

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant proposes to amend the specification and claims 12, 26, 32, and 36 to correct minor typographical errors. The proposed amendments do not add new or substantive matter that requires additional searches or considerations beyond that already performed by the Examiner during prosecution of this application. Indeed, these amendments are made to place the application in better form for appeal.

Applicant submits that the proposed amendments of the specification and of claims 12, 26, 32, and 36 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all proposed amendments address only minor typographical errors. Accordingly, entry of this amendment "requires only a cursory review by the examiner," (M.P.E.P. § 714.13, at 700-204 (8th ed., rev. Feb. 2003)), and would therefore allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal. Because "[a]ny amendment that will place the application . . . in better form for appeal may be entered" (M.P.E.P. § 714.12), Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing the application in better form for appeal.

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